

The
Recycling
Industry
Modernization
Program



**Bureau of Energy
and Recycling**

*Illinois Department of Commerce
and Economic Opportunity*

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RIM

Program mission is sustainable economic

development. The goals of the RIM Program are to divert materials from the municipal solid waste stream and to improve the competitiveness of Illinois manufacturers.

To divert materials from landfills, the RIM Program assists firms to:

- ◆ Increase their use of recycled materials in manufacturing,
- ◆ Improve their solid waste management practices through source reduction or waste reduction, and/or
- ◆ Improve product packaging.

To improve company competitiveness, the program assists firms to use modernization strategies. RIM projects help companies to:

- ◆ Expand production capacity,
- ◆ Increase productivity (reduce costs, improve quality, speed delivery), and/or
- ◆ Increase sales.

Eligible Companies — DCEO will provide grants to Illinois manufacturers that meet one or more of the following qualifications:

1. Currently manufacture recycled-content products,
2. Plan to convert operations to use recycled materials as feedstock, and/or
3. Plan to improve their solid waste management practices through source reduction, waste reduction or improved product packaging.

The Program Offers Grants at Two Levels

Modernization Assessment Project (MAP) — Grants up to \$30,000

Assists a manufacturer to develop an understanding of the feasibility and benefits of various improvement options. This type of project will analyze and diagnose problems, identify opportunities and recommend priority actions for company improvement. The MAP involves a comprehensive review of one or more key company business functions, such as Organizational, Resource, Shop Floor and Operations Management. Specific areas to be reviewed may include product R & D, marketing, waste management, manufacturing machinery and equipment, quality control, and others.

Modernization Implementation Project (MIP) — Grants up to \$150,000

Assists a firm to *implement* modern business management practices, a best-of-practice process or state-of-the-market machinery and equipment.

Uses of Funds

- ◆ Contractual technical services and consultant fees
- ◆ Capital equipment

Required Matching Contribution

The cost of a RIM project is shared between the company and DCEO, with the company contributing a minimum of 25 percent of direct project costs, in cash.

Request for Information

Please send me additional information on the Recycling Industry Modernization (RIM)

Name: _____

Company: _____

Street: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax (217/785-2618) or mail to: Recycling Industry Modernization Program, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Energy and Recycling, 620 East Adams Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701-1615

To speak directly to a Program Manager, please call 217/785-2638 or TDD: 1-800/785-6055.

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Company Testimonials

“The RIM program had a positive effect on our firm’s in-plant operation and performance.”

Illinois Small Manufacturer

“We jumped at the opportunity to take part in this program. Everyone wins — the environment, the state and our organization.”

Illinois Plastic Thermoforming Firm

“Great program! A huge benefit to our company. We would recommend DCEO RIM Program services to others.”

Illinois Plastic Injection Molding Firm

“The DCEO RIM Program greatly benefited our company.”

Illinois Plastic Extrusion Firm

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